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Dear Sarika Ram:

This letter is in response to a clarification you sent to the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) on December 21, 2018, regarding two requests that were part of a public records inquiry you originally made to SDHC on October 21, 2018, with the following requests, which SDHC numbered for clarity:

“Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

1. Currently valid policies/procedures relating to public housing and Section 8 housing assistance eligibility for applicants on the basis of arrest/conviction record
2. Currently valid eviction policies/procedures for tenants in public housing and Section 8 housing units
3. Currently valid policies/procedures regarding obtaining criminal conviction records from law enforcement agencies and sex offender registration information from the appropriate state/local agency responsible for the maintenance of sex offender registration program
4. Any reports compiling the data of applicants to public housing and Section 8 housing assistance from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017
5. Any reports compiling the data of public housing and Section 8 housing assistance denials and the basis of those denials between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017
6. Any logs of police reports related to activity in public housing and Section 8-subsidized units between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017
7. Any grievances/complaints of discrimination submitted between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 including any of the following words/phrases: -crime -crimes

-criminal -convict -convicted -sex offense -sex offender -jail -prison -correctional facility
-probation -parole -conviction record -arrest record”

On November 1, 2018, SDHC extended the time to respond to your inquiry and requested clarification from you regarding requests #4 and #5. On November 15, 2018, SDHC provided you with documents in response to requests #1, #2, #3, and #7; notified you that SDHC is not the custodian of records regarding Request #6; and informed you that SDHC was not able to respond to requests #4 and #5 because the agency had not received a response to its request for clarification.

On December 21, 2018, you provided clarification to SDHC by email:

“Hello,
Apologies for my late response.

In regards to Item #4 of my request, I'm interested in any compiled demographic information related to those who applied to public housing and Section 8 housing assistance between January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

In regards to Item #5 of my request, I'm interested in any compiled logs providing information about the cases of police intervention in public and Section 8 housing developments between January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. For example, another PHA provided me with a log indicating the number of police cases related to domestic violence, armed robbery, etc. throughout 2017.”

Regarding Request #4, SDHC does not have any documents that are responsive to your request because the reporting software that tracks demographics for the SDHC rental assistance wait list does not provide the ability to search by data range. It provides a snapshot of the applicants that are currently on the list.

Regarding Request #5, SDHC does not track police intervention in public housing or Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance units.

Should you have further questions, please contact the San Diego Housing Commission Communications Division at 619-578-7550 or PublicRecordsRequest@sdhc.org

Sincerely,

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